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1. The Peasants' Front (Frontul Plugarilor) was established at the end of 1944, for the purpose of collectivization of agriculture and the propagation of Marxism. The head office is located at 9, Strada Episcopiei, Bucharest. Its first president was Dr. Petru Groza, a former socialist, whose chief assistant was Romulus Zaroni. The organization concealed the fact that it had been set up by the Communist Party, and also that its final aim was collectivization, as it was known that the peasants were opposed to Communism.
2. In 1947, an investigation by the Party revealed that the Front's members included all the chief reactionary elements in the villages, including priests, former teachers, and secretaries and employees of the village council. Little progress had been made towards Marxism, as these elements constituted a large percentage of the entire membership.
3. A comprehensive purge of the Front's organizers and staff was then carried out. Groza, Zaroni and others were dismissed, and from that time on, only old Party members were nominated to the management. From 1947 to 1951, Ion Holduban, Vasile Tita, and Ion Ontanu acted as presidents. At present there is only a secretary general to head the Central Committee.
4. After the purge the peasants realized the full purpose of the Front and many refused to take part in it or to cooperate with the organizers sent by the Party. Disturbances and brawls broke out between the organizers and peasants so that, from the Party's point of view, the purge put the Front in an even more unfavorable position.
5. The organization employs 28 chief political instructors, one for each

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district. The districts, in turn, send out their own instructors to each of their sub-districts. There are eight sub-districts in Bucharest.

6. The Peasants' Front newspaper, Frontul Plugarilor, was first published in 1948 and replaced Vestea Satelor. It was formerly a daily but is now published weekly in Bucharest in 100,000 copies and is distributed in the villages by the Front itself. It is unable to support itself financially although subscription is almost compulsory for farmers.

7. The following is a partial list of officers of Frontul Plugarilor:

a. Serban Nedelcu, Chief Editor. [REDACTED]

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b. Segal (writes under the pen name of Galeriu), Foreign News Editor.

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c. Paul Teodorescu, Internal News Editor. [REDACTED]

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d. Ion Arsene, Administrative Editor.

e. Nicolceanu (signs "Nicol"), Cartoonist. He has worked for large papers.

8. The following is a partial list of officers of the Central Committee of the Peasants' Front:

a. Ion Mija, Secretary General. [REDACTED]

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b. Negreanu (Schwartz), Administrator. [REDACTED]

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c. Andrei Stroe, Political Education.

d. Vasile Negru, Cadres.

e. Al Ionescu, Chief Accountant. [REDACTED]

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f. Gheorghe Apostol, Controller of Peasants' Front on behalf of the Party Central Committee. [REDACTED]

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9. The following is a partial list of officers of "Regiunea 12" Bucharest, 7 Strada Popa Rusu, Bucharest:

- a. Dumitru Patrascu, Head.
- b. Gheorghe Apostol, Secretary General.
- c. Mihail David, responsible for administration and finance.
- d. Gheorghe Dinu, Organizer.
- e. Nicolae Suta, political education.
- f. Iacob Tudor, Cadres.
- g. A. Lapusneanu, Treasurer.

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